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LEGISLATORS, GET BUSY.

While it will be some time before the Legislature convenes, reports of intended legislation are already beginning to come to hand, and it is none too early for the Solons to begin to look into matters which require legislation, so they may have their bills ready at the time the session opens. The last session established a record which it will be hard to improve on, and it is up to the legislators to get to work now in order that no time may be wasted when the Legislature is actually in session.

One feature of the early announcement of intended bills, which alone makes this desirable, is the fact that such permits and tends to encourage discussion of them. All those concerned in the matters touched on by these bills have an opportunity to express themselves, a thing which is of especial importance to the people on the other islands, who, in the case of bills which are sprung without warning during the session, only have an opportunity to protest or offer amendments when it is too late.

The coming session will without doubt be a very important one. Land matters alone will certainly occupy much of the time and attention of both House and Senate; the primary law is on the books, and in spite of the fact that the parties have come out in its favor, it is not unlikely that it will meet with strong opposition, as was the case in the last session, when it met an untoward fate in the Senate at the hands of those who should have supported it. With Fairchild in the Senate, it is practically certain that the Kaula ditch bill will make its re-appearance, and the planters have come out strongly in favor of forest legislation. Doubtless has announced his intention to introduce a bill relating to the tenement question, a bill providing for the licensing of stationary engine tenders will also be introduced; and as all this is but a forerunner of the flood of legislation which will come, it behooves the legislators-elect to get busy immediately in order that they may have everything in readiness when the session opens.

PROFIT SHARING AND FREED M FROM STRIKES

An English shipbuilding company has proposed to its workmen that they either buy its plant or enter into a partnership with the firm on a profit-sharing basis. This striking proposition, outlined the other day in a special cable dispatch to the Chicago Daily News by its London correspondent, was made avowedly with a view of putting an end to strife between employer and employees. It may have been made for effect, that the men might be led to give careful attention to the declaration of the head of the firm that strikes must cease or the works must close. Still, the proposition had created a sensation in England.

Purchase of the shipyard outright by the wage-workers employed in it, even though their trade unions have enough money to complete the transaction, scarcely can be considered seriously by the men. Although their skill as craftsmen may be great, they have not had experience in the management of large affairs or in business promotion. The real question before them probably is whether or not they wish to enter into a profit-sharing scheme as a method of securing peace.

Prof. Charles R. Henderson, the sociologist, who has given much attention to the subject, says that mere peace is not the proper aim of economic readjustments. Their aim, he insists, should be to secure the largest possible measure and variety of life for each workingman. In all but a few lines of industrial enterprise Dr. Henderson finds more objections to profit-sharing than advantages to be derived from it. He points out that organized wage-workers usually look upon profit-sharing as a "bribed participation" in business tending to destroy the trade union.

Nelson O. Nelson of St. Louis, Mo., and Leclair, Ill., head of the best-known profit-sharing enterprise on the mainland, says that "the Leclair

idea and the union idea are in conflict." Mr. Nelson has shared profits with his employees for twenty-two years and with his customers also for the last three years. Last year he took neither interest, dividend nor salary from the business, although it had a net profit of \$357,000. He says: "Poverty and ignorance and class separation will never cease until captains of industry cease to be absorbers and spendthrifts and become true captains of industry, leading the business organizations for the greatest good to the greatest number."

NOW FOR THE TARIFF.

The Republican party is still in control of both branches of Congress and is pledged to a revision of the tariff, work upon which will begin at once in committee. Protection is the Republican policy and should be assured for at least six years, as the United States Senate will be Republican for at least that length of time. What Hawaii has to fear is a possible reduction of the tariff in order to pacify the views of other interests. Besides, we may be sure that some concession will be made to the Philippines, through the instrumentality of President Taft and, with such concession, it is only reasonable to look for a considerable increase in the Philippine output before the end of Mr. Taft's term.

We have been assured that Hawaii has nothing to fear from the American islands to the east of us. But it has, and there is no getting away from it. Every additional 100,000 tons of sugar produced in any part of the globe has a tendency to lower values. An extra half a million tons, crops elsewhere being average, will be enough to bring the price down to a point that, if not actually harmful to Hawaii, will at least lessen its present prosperity.

A committee has been appointed



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by the business interests of Honolulu to handle the tariff question from our viewpoint. Besides sugar we have a dozen other agricultural interests that need protection, unless the small farm problem is to be abandoned, and the Bulletin would be glad to know that the Honolulu committee has been actively at work during the recent months and is in a fair way toward being able to submit a report that will have weight with the Congressional committee, a report that will not only cover sugar but also the smaller farm products that Hawaii can produce.

SOMETHING DOING IN THE MUSICAL LINE ON NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

A rare treat is in store for music-lovers of Honolulu in that eight glee clubs from different parts of the island will participate, vying with each other as to which will receive the most honors. The Hawaiian gift of music is marvelous, as most of them, from the uneducated to the higher class, are natural musicians. They can sing and play such music as only those who have studied abroad are capable of performing. Every number on the program is to be participated in by Hawaiians, and among the leading soloists are Mr. Henry Clarke, Madame Alapai, Elizabeth Keala, Ernest Kaal, Harry Kallimani, and others. The concert is a benefit for the Kaili-Moanalua Church hall, and the directors feel that by giving this unique entertainment they will defray part of the expense of its construction. The cause is a worthy one, and everyone should respond to the promotion of this good work. Seats are now on sale at Bergstrom Music Co.

PLEADED GUILTY

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offense. But they were getting the services of an attorney for nothing and they insisted that the trial continue.

This morning Deputy U. S. Attorney Rawlins finished his case for the prosecution, and Harrison was about to begin a defense when his client, after looking dubiously around, burst into a torrent of Japanese to the interpreter.

"The defendant wishes to plead guilty on both charges," translated George Yamada.

Harrison sank back in astonishment, the jury woke up; Rawlins laughed, and altogether it was an interesting moment. J. P. Cooke, foreman of the jury, was given copies of verdicts, and, without leaving their seats, the jurymen agreed on a verdict of "guilty as charged." Harrison's client had gone back on him.

A HEROIC ACT

Mrs. Langow: My husband asserts that he saved me from drowning last month. Mrs. Placer: How's that? Mrs. Langow: He wouldn't let me go to the seashore for a week.

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HUMANE SOCIETY READY FOR ACTION

The following has been received from Secretary Galt of the Humane Society:

Honolulu, November 12th, 1908.

Gentlemen:—At the request of the directors of the Humane Society I am giving you the following information which you may consider of sufficient interest to the public to publish.

The following is a list of the directors of this organization: President, Mrs. S. B. Dole; first vice president, Mrs. F. M. Swanzy; vice presidents, Allen Herbert, C. W. C. Deering, Mrs. S. M. Damon, Mrs. A. G. Hawes, Jr., Mrs. C. P. Rees; treasurer, A. N. Campbell; secretary, J. R. Galt; Walter F. Dillingham, Alonzo Gartley, Mrs. A. C. Galt, Mrs. Eldrick Thompson, Mrs. S. G. Wilder, Mrs. A. E. Murphy.

The purposes for which the Humane Society is organized are:

1. To provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to children throughout the Territory of Hawaii; to provide temporary homes for vagrant, destitute and exposed children of tender age, and of providing for them such other or further relief as may be advisable to rescue them from moral ruin.

2. To prevent the inhumane treatment of animals, to secure the enactment of further legislation and the enforcement of the present laws for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

At a meeting of the directors held this morning the Working Relief Committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. F. M. Swanzy, Mrs. A. G. Hawes, Jr., Mr. Allen Herbert.

This committee will be ready at all times to take action on any cases reported to them, and will also be prepared to give any relief if in its opinion relief is needed.

Yours truly,
HUMANE SOCIETY,
J. R. Galt, Secretary.

HUSBAND SLASHED HER WITH KNIFE

Cruz Torra Morao this morning instituted divorce proceedings against Cerepio Balderio Morao. She states in her libel Cerepio is a cruel man, one time having slashed her so badly with an ugly knife that the judge in the Police Court sent him over the reef for a vacation. When he came back, she says that she lived with him again on his promise that he would be good to her, which he was for a very short time.

Then his conduct became bad again. He beat her and cuffed her around until her life was made miserable. Finally he deserted her altogether, and for the past three years has not contributed in the least to her support. Clem K. Quinn is her attorney. High Sheriff Henry returned the libel unserved, with the information that Cerepio could not be found.

JAPANESE CAMP CASE

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consider a little before rendering a decision.

The proceedings in the Muranaka case are being watched with considerable interest, not only by the people of Makiki, but by residents of other districts as well.

The defendant, Muranaka, took a contract to erect a rooming house, or camp, in Makiki. After work had been begun, it is claimed, the Supervisors passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of such structures within 500 feet of a school building.

In the demurrer which he filed at the time the case was brought up for trial, Attorney Peters, for the defense, attacked the constitutionality of the ordinance, claiming it to be class legislation in that it prohibited rooming houses and camps, while making no such prohibition with regard to hotels.

The demurrer was overruled on the ground that it raised a question of law that could only be settled in a higher court.



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